

Johnson Ferry Road and Glenridge Corridor Improvements Project No. STP-9252-00(007); PI No. 751420; City of Sandy Springs Project No. T-0011 Public Information Open House - June 21, 2010

Thank you for attending the Public Information Meeting for the proposed Johnson Ferry Road and Glenridge Drive corridor improvements project. The attached hand-out package includes a project information sheet, project area map, and a comment card.

Public Works staff held an initial fact finding public meeting on November 5, 2007 for this project. At that meeting we heard numerous concerns about the possible scope of a project along the corridor, and the significant need for improvements in select areas and at specific intersections. The two most prevalent concerns we heard in 2007 were:

- The most significant operational deficiencies in the corridor are in the area between Roswell Road and Mt. Vernon Highway/Johnson Ferry, adjacent to the Fulton County Public Library. These intersections routinely cause backups along Mt. Vernon Highway to Glenridge Drive.
- The community is opposed to any widening of Johnson Ferry Road between Abernathy Road and Sandy Springs Circle.

Staff gathered the comments and used them to refine the concept alternatives for improvements that will be presented at this Public Information Open House. The suggested improvements focus on the section of the project's corridor between Sandy Springs Circle and Glenridge Drive, more specifically, "the triangle" section of where Mt. Vernon and Johnson Ferry become one-way pairs immediately east of Roswell Road. The section of Johnson Ferry Road between Abernathy and Sandy Springs Circle will not be widened. In fact, that portion of the corridor is covered by Capital Improvement Program Project T-0009. A layout of that sidewalk and streetscape project is available for review tonight as well. Two main alternatives to improvements of the "triangle area" are available tonight. One alternative involves intersection improvements and widening in this area. The other involves traffic circle alternatives adjacent to the library and the area streets that intersection with one another.

The purpose of the Public Information Open House is to get community feedback on different design alternatives for the project. Each alternative improves traffic operations in the area and will reduce congestion, albeit in different ways. We encourage you to provide the City with comments and suggestions regarding the alternatives on the attached comment card. Please deposit your completed comment cards in the box at the meeting, or you may send any written comments about the project to:

City of Sandy Springs Public Works ATTN: Project T-0011 7840 Roswell Road, Bldg. 500 Sandy Springs, GA 30350

Comments are due by Tuesday, July 6, 2010, and all comments received will become a part of the project record. We hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to let the City know your opinion about the proposed project.

The displays will also be available for review for two weeks after this presentation at Sandy Springs City Hall, 7840 Roswell Road, Bldg. 500, during regular business hours. Please call to schedule an appointment so that someone can be available to answer your questions. PDFs of the displays may also be found online at www.sandyspringsga.org under the Public Works/CIP page for Project T-0011. A copy of all comments received will be available for review as soon as compilation is complete. Thank you for your attention and interest in this project.

Greg Ramsey, P.E. CIP Project Manager



Project Purpose and Description

The purpose of this project is to improve the traffic congestion as well as vehicular and pedestrian operations in the Johnson Ferry Road and Glenridge Drive corridor. This project corridor begins at the intersection of Johnson Ferry Road and Abernathy Road, continues along Johnson Ferry Road through the SR 9 (Roswell Road) intersection, and then continues east along Johnson Ferry Road to Glenridge Drive. From this point, the project follows along Glenridge Drive south to the intersection of Hammond Drive.

The design alternatives being shown focus on the section of the project corridor between Sandy Springs Circle and Glenridge Drive, more specifically, "the triangle" section of where Mt. Vernon and Johnson Ferry become one-way pairs immediately east of Roswell Road. They consist of intersection realignments and/or reconstructions that will increase capacity and reduce congestion. Two of the alternatives propose removal of signalized intersections in favor of roundabouts. Not only do roundabout intersections improve congestion, but reduce conflict points (increasing safety), increase vehicular capacity, and reduce polluting emissions.

Plan Development Process

Since federal funds have been identified and secured for this project, we are required to follow GDOT's Plan Development Process for federally funded projects. This includes Concept Development, Database Preparation, Preliminary Design, Right-of-Way Plans, Final Design and a NEPA Environmental Document. At this point, the City of Sandy Springs is only engaged in Concept Development, Database Preparation and an Environmental Screening for the project until the Project Concept has been approved.

This project is in the later stages of Concept Development. At this point in the project, two main concepts have been developed and are being presented at this meeting. Several versions of each concept have also been developed. Specific details of each concept can be seen on the layouts at tonight's meeting.

Schedule

The schedule for Concept Development is summarized below.

Data Collection
Fact Finding PIOH
Analysis

Concept Alternatives

Project Alternatives PIOH

Project Concept Approval
Environmental Document

September 2007 to December 2007

November 5, 2007

November 2007 to December 2007

January 2008 to May 2010

June 21, 2010

June 2010 to December 2010 Approval December 2011

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PROJECT LOCATION MAP JOHNSON FERRY ROAD AND GLENRIDGE DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS FROM ABERNATHY TO HAMMOND PROJECT NO. STP-9252-00(007); PI NO 751420; COSS T-0011 START PROJECT Arlington Cemetery Billy McKinney Hwy 285 (28) CIP Project T-0009 ~ **END PROJECT Area of Initial Improvements and Alternatives Presented at tonight's PIOH** HAMMOND DR



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Comment Card

Please print responses.
Name
Address
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Resident Property Owner Business Owner Frequent Roadway User Other
Do you support the projects?
How did you hear about this meeting?
Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?
Please highlight any concern that you feel should be addressed in this study.

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